Environmental Documents - Memorial Drive to County M (Lineville)

WisDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for improvements on US 41 from Memorial Drive to County M (Lineville Road). An EIS is the decision document for major highway projects developed under the National Environmental Policy Act. It includes the purpose and need for the project, alternatives and environmental consequences.

The Draft EIS has been completed and made available to local officials, state, and federal review agencies for review and comment. An opportunity for public review is being provided by posting the Draft EIS on the US 41 Project website. WisDOT encourages interested persons to review the document and provide any comments to the WisDOT Project Manager listed below. Information on the Draft EIS will be presented at a Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at the Bay View Middle School at 1217 Cardinal Lane in the Village of Howard. The hearing will be conducted from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a presentation at 5:30. Information on how to present oral and written testimony will be provided at the public hearing. Written testimony can also be submitted after the hearing and will be included in the hearing transcript if postmarked/received no later than March 28, 2011. After the public hearing, a final EIS will be prepared, which will identify the recommended alternative and reasons for its selection.

## **Draft EIS**

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Prior to preparing the EIS document, two other documents were prepared as part of the EIS process. Those include a <u>Coordination Plan</u> and an <u>Impact Analysis Methodology</u>. The Coordination Plan identifies how project information will be communicated and how input from agencies and the public will be solicited and considered during the EIS process. The Impact Analysis Methodology explains how the project's potential impacts will be evaluated. Copies of the Coordination Plan and Impact Analysis Methodology for the US 41 Memorial Drive to CTH M project are also available for public review (see links).

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